Induction of RTP employees into Regular service

374. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of employees had been inducted into regular service in the Postal and Telecom Departments after having served as Reserved Trained Pool (RTP) employee for years together;

(b) if so, whether Government would come forward to include the service rendered as RTP in the regular services; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The service rendered as Reserved Trained Pool cannot be treated as regular service, because they were engaged on hourly basis intermitently.

Maintenance of telephone services in Rural areas of Gujarat

375. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued directions for maintenance of telephone lines and telephone services in the rural and backward areas of Gujarat during 1994-95;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received representations from any part of the State in this regard, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir ,there are existing guidelines for maintenance of all the telephone lines and telephone services in the rural and backward areas. Efforts are being made through implementation of the successive annual plans to upgrade the existing facilities by incorporating new technologies subject to availability of resources.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. A number of complaints regarding poor performance of village public telephones had been received. The following action is being taken.

(i) Replacement of all the faulty Multi Access Radio Relay equipments.

(ii) Replacement of faulty battery sets and initiating action for provision of Solar panels at places where these have not been provided earlier.

(iii) Reliable transmission media is being inducted in the rural areas.

Delay in telephone connections in Gujarat

376. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of such cases in Gujarat where telephone connections have been sanctioned and O.B. numbers issued, but connections have not been given so far;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when these cases are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Sir, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decentralization of Telecommunications Department

377. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to decentralise the Telecommunications Department:

(b) if so, what would be the modalities thereof: and

(c) in what way the decentralisation will benefit the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir, Government proposes to give more powers to the field units with the view to make them more competitive with private sector.

(b) and (c) The case is under consideration of the Government.

Additional free cals fol subscribers in Delhi and Bombay

378. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry or the MTNL have evaluated the effect on the generation of additional revenue due to timing of local calls in Delhi and Bombay:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to pass on the benefit to the subscribers by allowing them additional calls over the 150 allowed free, for the bi-monthly rental of Rs. 380/-;

(d) if so, the details thereof: and

(e) what are the reasons for not allowing additional 20 calls to compensate for wrong connections, as was done earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION. (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Does not arise since there was no system earlier for allowing additional calls to compensate for wrong connections.

Waiting list for telephone sonneltons in Janakpuri Exchange

379. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Janakpuri, exchange in Delhi has notified the clearance of applications for general telephone connections made upto 31st December, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that some applications made in 1989 have not been cleared, whereas a number of applications made during 1991 and 1992 have been cleared;

(c) the number of applications made prior to 31st December, 1990 still pending and those made after 1st December. 1990 cleared, and the latest date upto which applications have been cleared;

(d) whether any action against the officers responsible for these irregularities has been taken; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, the date of clearance for N-OYT General